

Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission Landmarks 101



A Primer on Local Preservation Districts
and Individual Landmarks

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LANDMARKS ORDINANCE

Ordinance Historic Landmarks and
Preservation Districts Commission
#32.250

Enabling legislation that creates the
ability of the Landmarks Commission to
designate Individual Landmarks and
Preservation Districts

Establishes the review process for
exterior changes to Landmark
properties.

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Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission

City Commission established in 1974 to protect the historic structures and properties

Initiated by local concerned citizens, primarily in response to extensive demolition in inner city/ Old Louisville

County Landmarks Commission
Commissions were merged in 2003

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Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission

Historic preservation as primary mission
Modeled after the NYC Landmarks Commission

Designation as a key tool in preservation, also public outreach and education

Designated properties require review and approval for exterior change, including demolition

Undesignated properties have no protection from demolition and maximum 30-day notice to the councilperson and on-site posting.

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What the Preservation Ordinance Requires once Designation is Approved

Demolition, new construction, and exterior alterations review based on Design Guidelines

Guidelines developed on the basis of recommendations of neighborhood property owners to address neighborhood character

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) composed of property owners, design and real estate professionals, and commissioners.

Public notice and input concerning significant changes in the neighborhood

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Louisville Metro Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission

A 13-member commission comprised of citizen volunteers that are appointed to serve by the Mayor and approved by Metro Council.

Regular meetings scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am and open to the public.

Special hearings for Landmark designations as warranted.

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Landmarks Commission Staff

Landmarks staff are full-time employees of Louisville Metro Government. Staff comprised of preservation professionals, architects, and landscape architects.

Work directly with the public to assist property owners in districts and individual landmark buildings.

Approve staff-level Certificate of Appropriateness and prepare reports to the ARCs as case managers.

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Architectural Review Committees (ARC)

Each Preservation District has its own ARC plus there is an ARC for Individual Landmarks

Members are residents, architects, realtors, Landmarks Commissioners plus the Director of Codes and Regulations (or designated appointee) sits on all of the ARCs.

Regular meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

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Individual Landmarks and Preservation Districts

There are 83 Individual Landmarks.

There are seven districts currently designated in Metro Louisville with over 6000 properties.

Old Louisville
Cherokee Triangle
West Main
Parkland
Limerick
Butchertown
Clifton

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Designated Local Landmarks Louisville-Jefferson County

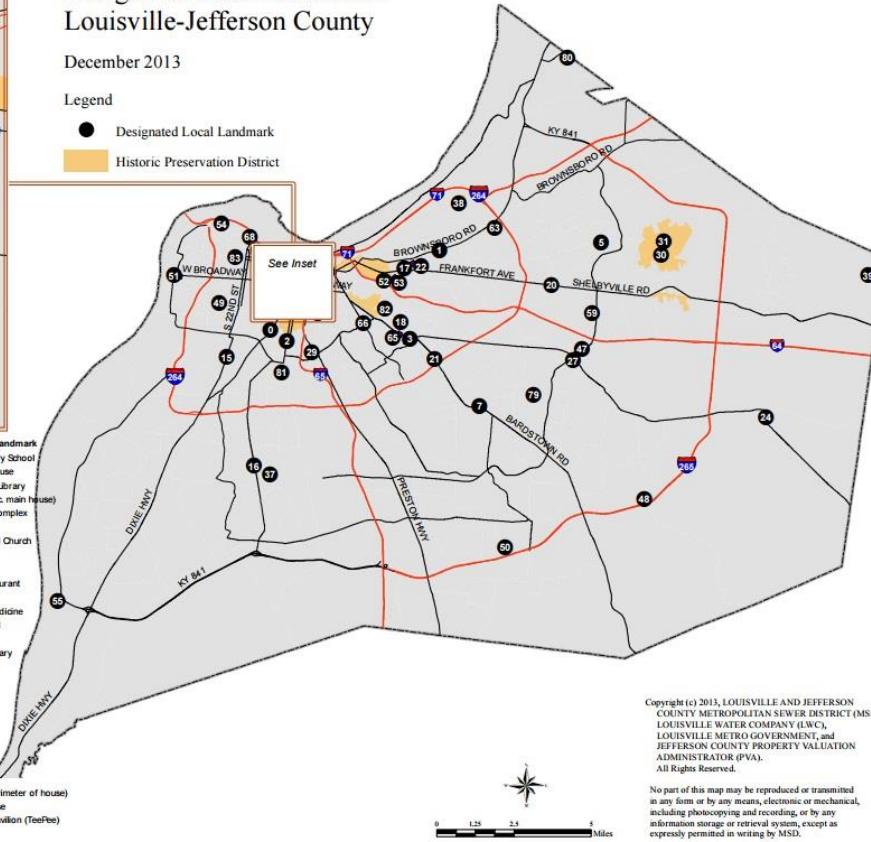
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Legend

- Designated Local Landmark
- Historic Preservation District



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| 10 Designated Local Landmark | 10 Designated Local Landmark | 10 Designated Local Landmark |
| 0 American Standard Building | 28 German Insurance Bank Building | 56 Roosevelt Elementary School |
| 1 Bauer's Azalea | 29 Grotto at St. Joseph's Infirmary | 57 Shelby-Perrish House |
| 2 Belknap Playhouse | 30 Hanna House | 58 Shelby Park Branch Library |
| 3 Belknap School | 31 Hobbs Memorial Chapel and Cemetery | 59 Soldiers Retreat (exc. main house) |
| 4 Belle of Louisville | 32 Jefferson County Armory/Louisville Gardens | 60 St. Louis Bertrand Complex |
| 5 Bellevue | 33 Jefferson County Courthouse | 61 St. Patrick's Church |
| 6 Brennan House | 34 Jefferson County Courthouse Annex | 62 St. Paul's Evangelical Church |
| 7 Bunchel Depot | 35 Jefferson County Fiscal Court Building | 63 Taylor-Herr House |
| 8 Cathedral of the Assumption Complex | 36 Jefferson County Jail | 64 Tonkin Complex |
| 9 Chestnut Street YMCA/Knights of Pythias | 37 Little Loomhouse | 65 Twig and Leaf Restaurant |
| 10 Christ Church Cathedral | 38 Locust Grove | 66 Tyler Park Bridge |
| 11 Church of Our Merciful Savior | 39 Long Run Church and Cemetery | 67 U of L School of Medicine |
| 12 City Hall | 40 Louisville Trust Company Building | 68 U.S. Marine Hospital |
| 13 City Hall Annex | 41 Louisville War Memorial Auditorium | 69 Union Station |
| 14 Claret/Ursuline Academy & Convent | 42 Main Branch Library | 70 Western Branch Library |
| 15 Cover Hill/Youngland | 43 Male High School | 71 West Main |
| 16 Colonial Gardens | 44 Mary D. Hill School/Central Colored School | 72 West Main |
| 17 Crescent Hill Branch Library | 45 Monserrat/Fifth Ward School | 73 West Main |
| 18 Dean-Bishop House | 46 Municipal College/Simmons University | 74 West Main |
| 19 Eastern Branch Library | 47 Nunlee | 75 West Main |
| 20 Eight-Mile House | 48 Omer-Pound House | 76 West Main |
| 21 Farmington | 49 Parkland Branch Library | 77 West Main |
| 22 Field House | 50 Pennsylvania Run Church and Cemetery | 78 West Main |
| 23 Fire Station #2 | 51 Peter C. Doerflinger House | 79 Westwood |
| 24 Fisher House | 52 Peterson Avenue Hill | 80 Wilhoite House (perimeter of house) |
| 25 Former Wayside Property | 53 Peterson-Dumesnil House | 81 Roscoe Goose House |
| 26 Former Wayside Property | 54 Portland Branch Library | 82 Hogan's Fountain Pavilion (TeaPee) |
| 27 Funk Springhouse | 55 Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremen Landing | 83 Cavalier Building |



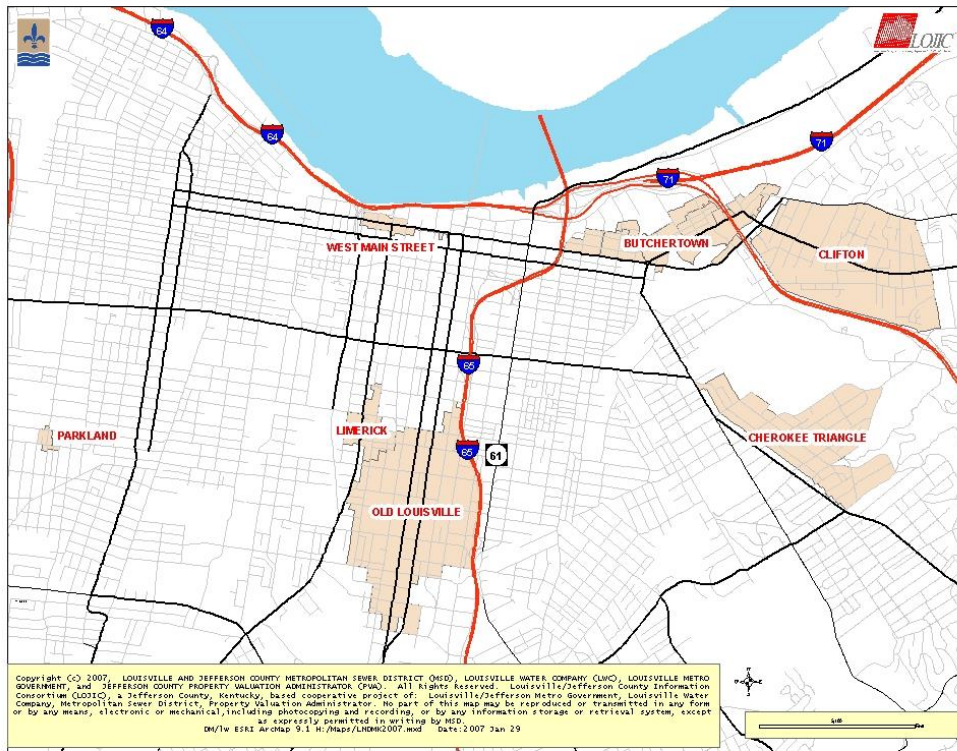
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Certificate of Appropriateness

Required approval needed before work starts on a Landmark property. Application is submitted to Landmarks for review.

Staff-level Certificate of Appropriateness has a 2-week review period.

ARCs review for demolition, new construction, work that is more than 25% of the value of the structure.

Staff or ARC may request other types of work activity to be reviewed by the ARC.

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Design Guidelines

All exterior alterations reviewed
according to Guidelines

Based on the Secretary of the Interior's
Standards for Rehabilitation

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/standard-design-guidelines>

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Historic Preservation in Louisville

Federal Government – primarily via “106 Review” associated with expenditures of Federal funds , Historic Rehabilitation Tax credits, Secretary of the Interior – Standards and National Register

State Government – State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) at the Kentucky Heritage Council

Local Government – Metro Historic Preservation Officer, Programmatic Agreement, Historic Landmarks & Preservation Districts Commission

Private Interest Groups – Preservation Kentucky, Preservation Louisville, Louisville Historical League, Neighborhood Planning and Preservation, Riverfields, etc.

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Local vs. National

Local Designation is a local act and administered by Landmarks Commission

Has local oversight including specific protection against demolition and unkind alterations

Many locally designated properties are also NR

National Register listing is a national designation administered by the National Park Service

National Register provides recognition and tax credit possibilities but no protection from demolition, unless Federal money involved

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For More Information:

Contact Landmarks Commission staff at 574-6230
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